

Exhibit 5

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	:	Chapter 11
SERTA SIMMONS BEDDING, LLC, et al.,	:	Case No. 23-90020 (DRJ)
Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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SERTA SIMMONS BEDDING, LLC, et al.,	:	
Plaintiffs and Counterclaim Defendants,	:	Adversary Proc. No. 23-09001 (DRJ)
v.	:	
AG CENTRE STREET PARTNERSHIP L.P., et al.,	:	
Defendants, Counterclaim Plaintiffs and Third-Party Plaintiffs,	:	
v.	:	
AGF FLOATING RATE INCOME FUND, et al.,	:	
Third-Party Defendants.	:	

RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS OF DEFENDANT ASCRIBE TO PLAINTIFFS' SECOND SET OF REQUESTS FOR PRODUCTION

Pursuant to Rules 9014, 7026, and 7034 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Rules 26 and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the corresponding Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Local Rules”), defendant Ascribe Investments III, L.L.C. (“Ascribe”),¹ by and through their undersigned attorneys, make the following responses and objections (each, a “Response and

¹ In 2021, American Securities LLC merged Ascribe Capital and Birch Grove Capital to form a combined entity “AS Birch Grove.” For ease of reference, we will refer to the entity as Ascribe.

Objection,” and together, the “Responses and Objections”) to the Second Set of Requests for Production to Defendants of adversary plaintiffs Serta Simmons Bedding, LLC, Invesco Senior Secured Management Inc., Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC, Boston Management and Research, Eaton Vance Management, and Barings LLC, (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) dated April 10, 2023 (each, a “Request,” and together, the “Requests”).

GENERAL OBJECTIONS²

1. Ascribe objects to the Requests (numbering twenty-two individual Requests, many with subparts) as unduly burdensome and voluminous in scope, particularly given the expedited schedule in the Action. Ascribe’s disclosures within these Responses and Objections and any documents it may produce on a rolling basis in response to the Requests are made and/or produced in good faith and represent Ascribe’s best efforts to comply with the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including Rules 26 and 34, the Local Rules, and/or any other applicable rules (the “Applicable Rules”) or Orders of this Court.

2. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it imposes burdens and requirements upon Ascribe that exceed or differ from those imposed by the Applicable Rules and/or any other Orders of this Court. Ascribe will respond to the Plaintiffs’ Requests in accordance with the Applicable Rules or other Orders of this Court.

3. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it is vague and ambiguous, duplicative, overly broad,

² Capitalized, undefined terms herein shall have the meanings used in the Requests.

unduly burdensome, and/or seeks discovery of materials or information that is not relevant to the claims or defenses of any of the parties.

4. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it purports to impose a duty on Ascribe to undertake a search for documents and things beyond a diligent search of the files where Ascribe would reasonably expect to find documents or things responsive to each individual Request. Ascribe's representations below that it will produce certain documents responsive to certain Requests mean that it will make a diligent, good faith effort to locate responsive documents and will produce non-privileged, responsive documents, if any. The fact that Ascribe has responded to a particular Request shall not be interpreted as implying that responsive documents exist or that Ascribe acknowledges the propriety of that Request.

5. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities from disclosure. If a document that is privileged or exempt from disclosure is produced by Ascribe, it will have been produced through inadvertence and shall not constitute a waiver of any privileges applicable to that or any other document.

6. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it seeks information that is competitively sensitive, confidential, or proprietary, including information that is subject to third-party confidentiality obligations, trade secrets, or other confidential or proprietary research, development, commercial, or business information ("Confidential Information"). To the extent Ascribe's

Responses and Objections to the Requests contain Confidential Information, as defined in the Stipulated Protective Order executed by the parties in this Action and so-ordered by this Court on March 3, 2023, Adv. Proc. ECF 74 (the “Protective Order”), Ascribe’s responses are subject to the terms of the Protective Order.

7. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it seeks documents and things that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control.

8. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it seeks documents and things that are publicly available, in the public domain, and/or already within the Plaintiffs’ or their affiliates’ possession, custody, or control.

9. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request to the extent that it calls for the production of “all documents” or “all documents and communications,” except to the extent that such Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, or Request seeks reasonably narrow information. In producing any documents in response to requests for “all documents” or “all documents and communications,” Ascribe will undertake a reasonable search for responsive documents in those places where such documents are reasonably likely to exist.

10. Ascribe objects to each Instruction, General Definition, Specific Definition, and Request, in particular General Definition No. 6 and Instruction Nos. 1 and 15, to the extent that it seeks to require Ascribe to search and produce electronic media or any form of electronic media that is currently inaccessible, not reasonably accessible, stored in a form in

which it is not ordinarily maintained or reasonably usable, unreasonably voluminous, or otherwise would be burdensome to search or review.

11. Ascribe objects to General Definition No. 6 and Instruction Nos. 1 and 15 to the extent that they purport to impose requirements or obligations on Ascribe beyond the scope of, or different from, those imposed by the Protective Order, the Applicable Rules, and/or Orders of this Court. Ascribe will produce responsive, non-privileged Electronically Stored Information, as appropriate, in accordance with the parameters agreed to by the parties or set forth in the Protective Order, the Applicable Rules, and/or any other Orders of this Court.

12. Ascribe objects to Specific Definition Nos. 3 (“Angelo Gordon”), 4 (“Ascribe”), 5 (“Columbia”), 6 (“Contrarian”), 9 (“Gamut”), 10 (“LCM”), 12 (“North Star”), 24 (“Shackleton”), and 21 (“Z Capital”) on the grounds that the phrase “any of their affiliates and any of their affiliates’ officers, employees, representatives, agents, or others that act for or on their behalf,” as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to these Definitions as they are overbroad, vague, and unduly burdensome to the extent they purport to include entities that are not parties to this Action. Subject to, and without waiver of, these objections, Ascribe will interpret the phrase “Angelo Gordon” to refer to Defendants AG Centre Street Partnership L.P., AG Credit Solutions Non-ECI Master Fund, L.P., AG SF Master (L), L.P., AG Super Fund Master, L.P., and Silver Oak Capital, L.L.C., the phrase “Ascribe” to refer to Defendant Ascribe III Investments, L.L.C., the phrase “Columbia” to refer to Defendants Columbia Cent CLO 21 Limited, Columbia Cent CLO 27 Limited, Columbia Floating Rate Fund, a series of Columbia Funds Series Trust II, and Columbia Strategic Income Fund, a series of Columbia Funds Series Trust I, the phrase “Contrarian” to refer to Defendants Contrarian Capital Fund I, L.P., Contrarian Centre Street Partnership, L.P., and Contrarian Distressed Debt

Fund, L.P., the phrase “Gamut” to refer to Defendant Gamut Capital SSB, LLC, the phrase “LCM” to refer to Defendants LCM XXII Ltd., LCM XXIII Ltd., LCM XXIV Ltd., LCM XXV Ltd., LCM 26 Ltd., LCM 27 Ltd., and LCM 28 Ltd., the phrase “North Star” to refer to Defendant North Star Debt Holdings, L.P., the phrase “Shackleton” to refer to Defendants Shackleton 2013-III CLO, Ltd., Shackleton 2013-IV-R CLO, Ltd., Shackleton 2014-V-R CLO, Ltd., Shackleton 2015-VII-R CLO, Ltd., and Shackleton 2017-XI CLO, Ltd., and the phrase “Z Capital” to refer to Defendants Z Capital Credit Partners CLO 2018-1 Ltd., and/or Z Capital Credit Partners CLO 2019-1 Ltd.

13. Ascribe objects to Definition No. 7 (“Defendants,” “You,” and “Your”) on the grounds and to the extent that it incorporates Plaintiffs’ proposed definitions of “Angelo Gordon,” “Ascribe,” “Columbia,” “Contrarian,” “Gamut,” “LCM,” “North Star,” “Shackleton” and “Z Capital.” Ascribe further objects to Definition No. 7 to the extent that it purports to impose on Ascribe burdens and obligations that exceed those imposed by the Applicable Rules, including, without limitation, by purporting to call for information outside of Ascribe’s possession, custody or control. Subject to, and without waiver of, these objections, in responding to the Requests, Defendants will construe the terms “You” and “Your” to refer to the Defendants.

14. Ascribe objects to Instruction Nos. 5, 8–9, 11, and 15–16 to the extent that they purport to impose requirements or obligations on Ascribe beyond the scope of, or different from, those imposed by the Protective Order, Applicable Rules, and/or any other Orders of this Court. Ascribe further objects to Instruction No. 9 on the grounds that Ascribe is not required to provide information concerning documents not in its possession, custody, or control, including documents that no longer exist. Ascribe will search for and produce responsive, non-privilege

documents and Electronically Stored Information (if any) and will produce a privilege log and/or redaction log to the extent necessary, in a manner consistent with the Protective Order, Applicable Rules, and/or any other Orders of this Court.

15. Ascribe objects to Instruction No. 17 on the grounds that the time period for which documents are requested (October 1, 2019 to January 23, 2023) is overbroad and not reasonably calculated to lead to the production of admissible and relevant evidence given that the relevant events in this Action took place entirely in 2020. Ascribe also objects to Request Nos. 12–15 and 18–22 to the extent that they lack applicable time periods within which documents or communications are requested. Ascribe will produce responsive, non-privileged documents dated between June 1, 2020 to July 15, 2020 (the “Relevant Period”), if any, to all Requests.

16. In making these objections, Ascribe does not in any way waive, or intend to waive, but rather intends to preserve and is preserving:

- a. all objections as to competency, relevance, materiality, privilege, and/or admissibility of any responses, documents, tangible things and/or the subject matter thereof, for any purpose and in any further proceeding in this Action (including trial and post-confirmation proceedings) and in any other action or matter;
- b. all rights to object on any ground to the use of any such responses, documents, tangible things and/or the subject matter thereof that may be produced in response to the Requests, in any further proceeding in this Action (including trial and post-confirmation proceedings) and in any other action or matter;
- c. all rights to object on any ground at any time to a demand or request for further responses to the Requests or any other document requests;

- d. all rights to object to any Request or parts thereof even after a response or partial response is provided;
- e. all rights to rely on at any time, including at trial or any hearing, any subsequently discovered discovery material, or discovery material omitted from these Responses and Objections due to error, oversight, or inadvertence;
- f. all rights to redact any privileged material from discovery material produced in response to any Request; and
- g. all rights to redact any sensitive personal information that is not relevant to the subject matter of this Action from discovery material produced in response to any Request.

17. Ascribe expressly states that these Responses and Objections and/or Ascribe's production of any documents in response to the Requests: (i) are without prejudice to any relief requested by Ascribe in connection with the Amended Complaint in this Action, or the Prior Actions; and (ii) will not function as a waiver of any kind of Ascribe's rights in this or any other proceeding, including but not limited to the Prior Actions.

18. The Responses and Objections herein reflect only the present state of Ascribe's knowledge, information, and belief regarding the Requests. Ascribe therefore reserves the right to, at any time, revise, clarify, supplement, amend, correct, withdraw, or add to any or all of these Responses and Objections and to supplement the production of documents hereunder, if any, where and when appropriate.

19. All of the General Objections set forth above are incorporated in each of the specific responses to the individual Requests set forth below and have the same force and

effect as if fully set forth below. Where a General Objection is repeated or referred to in a specific response, it is for emphasis only.

SPECIFIC RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS

Request No. 1: Documents sufficient to show any Serta Simmons Bedding debt You currently hold or have previously held, other than Serta Simmons Bedding's First Lien Debt, including any PTL Debt.

Response to Request No. 1:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 1). Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about loans or securities that were not involved in the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the production of internal documents that are competitively sensitive and/or highly confidential. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that there are no responsive documents because it only held Serta Simmons Bedding's First Lien Debt.

Request No. 2: Documents sufficient to show Your purchases of Serta Simmons Bedding's First Lien Debt, including but not limited to the date(s) of Your purchases, the purchase price, and from whom You purchased the First Lien Debt.

Response to Request No. 2:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 2). Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of purchase price and counterparty identity and information when such information has no bearing on the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the production of internal documents that are competitively sensitive and/or highly confidential. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe is willing to meet and confer regarding this Request.

Request No. 3: Documents sufficient to show Your sales of Serta Simmons Bedding's First Lien Debt, including but not limited to the date(s) of Your sales, the sale price, and to whom You sold the First Lien Debt.

Response to Request No. 3:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 3). Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of purchase price and counterparty identity and information when such information has no bearing on the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this

Action,. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the production of internal documents that are competitively sensitive and/or highly confidential. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe is willing to meet and confer regarding this Request.

Request No. 4: **Documents sufficient to show any transactions You participated in that increased, decreased, or otherwise impacted Your economic exposure to Serta Simmons Bedding's First Lien Debt as well as Your rationale for each such transaction, including but not limited to Documents and Communications that reveal the date(s) of those transactions, the price at which the transactions were consummated, the counter-party to the transactions, and your analysis or basis for engaging in each such transaction.**

Response to Request No. 4:

Ascribe objects to this Request as largely similar to a request that has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 6). Ascribe further objects to this Request as duplicative of Request Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrases "Your economic exposure to Serta," "Your rationale for each such transaction," and "your analysis or basis for engaging in each such transaction," as used therein, are vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the

2020 Transaction at issue in this Action and to the extent that it seeks production of “Documents sufficient to show any transactions Ascribe participated in that increased, decreased, or otherwise impacted Ascribe’s economic exposure to Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt,” without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action and whether such transactions in fact occurred. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that the undefined term “economic exposure” is vague, overbroad, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, including because it seeks production of documents without regard to whether such “economic exposure” was potential or actual. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks competitively sensitive information regarding any proprietary trading strategy. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe is willing to meet and confer regarding this Request.

Request No. 5: **All Documents and Communications relating to Your purchase or sale of Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt, including but not limited to any efforts by You to purchase or sell Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt, any offers to or by You to purchase or sell Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt, and any negotiations surrounding Your purchases or sales of Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt.**

Response to Request No. 5:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs’ First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 7). Ascribe further objects to this Request as duplicative of Request

Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action and to the extent that it seeks production of “All Documents and Communications relating to Ascribe purchase or sale of Serta Simmons Bedding’s First Lien Debt, including . . . any efforts . . . any offer . . . and any negotiations” by Ascribe pertaining to the same, without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action or whether any such “efforts, “offer[s],” and “negotiations” were potential or actual. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of documents relating to purchase price and counterparty information when such information has no bearing on the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks competitively sensitive information regarding any proprietary trading strategy. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe is willing to meet and confer regarding this Request.

Request No. 6: All Documents and Communications relating to Your investment strategy or strategies with respect to the Serta Simmons Bedding First Lien Debt and any PTL Debt.

Response to Request No. 6:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 8). Ascribe further objects to this Request as duplicative of Request Nos. 2, 3, and 4. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of "All Documents and Communications relating to Ascribe's investment strategy or strategies with respect to the Serta Simmons Bedding First Lien Debt and any PTL Debt," without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action or whether any such strategy or strategies were ever implemented. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks competitively sensitive information regarding any proprietary trading strategy. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of documents relating to purchase price and counterparty information when such information has no bearing on the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the

extent that it seeks the production of internal documents that are competitively sensitive and/or highly confidential. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks information regarding Ascribe's investment strategy, which is Confidential Information.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe is willing to meet and confer regarding this Request.

Request No. 7: **All Documents and Communications relating to any proposal or transaction to restructure, sell or repurchase, or refinance any of Serta Simmons Bedding's debt or extend any new financing to Serta Simmons Bedding, including but not limited to the Transaction, the North Star Lenders' Offer or any other proposals from Apollo, Angelo Gordon, Gamut, and/or North Star, and any decision by You to participate or not participate in any proposal or transaction to restructure, sell or repurchase, or refinance any of Serta Simmons Bedding's debt or extend any new financing to Serta Simmons Bedding.**

Response to Request No. 7:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 9). Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrases "proposal or transaction to restructure," "sell or repurchase," and "extend any new financing to Serta Simmons Bedding," as used therein, are vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe

further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action and to the extent that it seeks production of “All Documents and Communications relating to any proposal or transaction to restructure, sell or repurchase any of Serta Simmons Bedding’s debt,” without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action or whether any such proposals or transactions were potential, actual, or ever implemented. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 8: **All Documents and Communications relating to Your analysis or interpretation of the Non- PTL Term Loan Agreement, including but not limited to how the terms of the North Star Lenders’ Offer or the Transaction would or could be effectuated under the Non-PTL Term Loan Agreement.**

Response to Request No. 8:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs’ First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 10). Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase “analysis or interpretation,” as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor

proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 9: All Documents and Communications concerning any efforts by You to participate in the Transaction.

Response to Request No. 9:

Ascribe objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, including because the term "efforts," as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession,

custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 10: **All Documents and Communications concerning any efforts by You to purchase PTL Debt after the Transaction closed.**

Response to Request No. 10:

Ascribe objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, including because the term "efforts," as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 11: **All Documents and Communications concerning Your analysis of the Transaction.**

Response to Request No. 11:

Ascribe objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase "analysis," as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly

burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, including because it is not the case that any and all “analysis” by Ascribe “of the Transaction” is necessarily relevant to the issues in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 12: **Without regard to time period, documents sufficient to show the identity and terms of any transaction in which You participated, including without limitation, the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, that resulted in existing debt being (a) exchanged for new debt and/or (b) repurchased by the borrower of such debt with the consideration being new debt, in each case, with such new debt being contractually or structurally senior to such borrower’s existing debt.**

Response to Request No. 12:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs’ First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 17). Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase “sufficient to show the identity and terms of any transaction,” as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or

defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions, including the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality provisions or court orders in other matters. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request because Ascribe's good faith and fair dealing in other transactions is not relevant to, or at issue in, this Action. Ascribe further states that this Request poses a unique burden because the merger of Ascribe and Birch Grove Capital in 2021 resulted in the termination of most of the Ascribe employees with knowledge of prior transactions. This information could only be reconstructed, if at all, through time-consuming analysis of years of emails.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant

transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 13: **Without regard to time period, documents sufficient to show the identity and terms of any offers You have made or received to participate as a lender in a transaction, including without limitation, the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, that would result in existing debt being (a) exchanged for new debt and/or (b) repurchased by the borrower of such debt with the consideration being new debt, in each case, with such new debt being contractually or structurally senior to such borrower's existing debt.**

Response to Request No. 13:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 17). Ascribe further objects to this Request as duplicative of Request No. 12. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions, including the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality

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Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 14: **Without regard to time period, documents sufficient to show the identity and terms of any transaction, including without limitation, the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, in which You allowed a borrower to repurchase debt You held, as a result of direct negotiations with the relevant borrower.**

Response to Request No. 14:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 19). Ascribe further objects to this Request as duplicative of Request No. 15. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase "sufficient to show the identity and terms of any transaction," as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party

nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions, including the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality provisions or court orders in other matters. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request because Ascribe's good faith and fair dealing in other transactions is not relevant to, or at issue in, this Action. Ascribe further states that this Request poses a unique burden because the merger of Ascribe and Birch Grove Capital in 2021 resulted in the termination of most of the Ascribe employees with knowledge of prior transactions. This information could only be reconstructed, if at all, through time-consuming analysis of years of emails.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant

transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 15: **Without regard to time period, documents sufficient to show the identity and terms of any offers You have made or received to participate as a lender in a transaction that would allow a borrower to repurchase debt You held.**

Response to Request No. 15:

Ascribe objects to this Request to the extent that it is duplicative of Request No. 14. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality provisions or court orders in other matters. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request because Ascribe's good faith and fair dealing in other transactions is not relevant to, or at issue in, this Action. Ascribe further states that this

Request poses a unique burden because the merger of Ascribe and Birch Grove Capital in 2021 resulted in the termination of most of the Ascribe employees with knowledge of prior transactions. This information could only be reconstructed, if at all, through time-consuming analysis of years of emails.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 16: **All Documents and Communications between You and any holders of Serta Simmons' First Lien Debt, including Defendants, concerning the terms of the Non-PTL Term Loan Agreement referenced in your counterclaims, the Amended Non-PTL Term Loan Agreement, or the Transaction.**

Response to Request No. 16:

Ascribe objects to this Request as a largely similar request has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 22). Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase "any holders," as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of documents pertaining to "All Documents and Communications," without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this

Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to the Request as nonsensical to the extent that it asks for "documents . . . referenced in . . . the Amended Non-PTL Term Loan Agreement, or the Transaction." Ascribe will interpret this Request as a request for documents referenced in the counterclaims to the extent that they are not already produced.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will produce documents cited in the counterclaims to the extent they are not already produced in this Action.

Request No. 17: All Documents and Communications between You and the other Defendants concerning the First Lien Debt, the Second Lien Debt, the PTL Debt, and/or any exchanges of Serta Simmons Bedding debt.

Response to Request No. 17:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 23). Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction

at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of documents pertaining to “All Documents and Communications,” without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 18: **Without regard to the time period, Documents sufficient to show the identity, structure and terms of any transactions in which You have participated that resulted in certain lenders in a class of debt receiving differential treatment, consideration, benefits, or terms than other lenders in that same class of debt, including without limitation, the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction.**

Response to Request No. 18:

Ascribe objects to this Request on the ground that the phrases “sufficient to show the identity, structure and terms of any transaction” and “differential treatment, consideration, benefits, or terms,” as used therein, are vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions, including the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction, with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the

ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality provisions or court orders in other matters. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request because Ascribe's good faith and fair dealing in other transactions is not relevant, or at issue in, this Action. Ascribe further states that this Request poses a unique burden because the merger of Ascribe and Birch Grove Capital in 2021 resulted in the termination of most of the Ascribe employees with knowledge of prior transactions. This information could only be reconstructed, if at all, through time-consuming analysis of years of emails.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 19: Without regard to the time period, for the transactions identified in the Documents produced in response to request number 18 above, Documents sufficient to identify the participating and non-participating lenders in those transactions.

Response to Request No. 19:

Ascribe objects to this Request as duplicative of Request No. 18. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that the phrase “sufficient to identify the participating and non-participating lenders,” as used therein, is vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions, including the April 2022 Envision Transaction and October 2022 Mitel Transaction referenced in Request No. 18., with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that contain or are subject to non-disclosure or confidentiality provisions or court orders in other matters. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe’s possession, custody, or control. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs’ possession. Ascribe further objects to this Request because Ascribe’s good faith and fair dealing in other

transactions is not relevant to, or at issue in, this Action. Ascribe further states that this Request poses a unique burden because the merger of Ascribe and Birch Grove Capital in 2021 resulted in the termination of most of the Ascribe employees with knowledge of prior transactions. This information could only be reconstructed, if at all, through time-consuming analysis of years of emails.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe states that the burden of conducting a search and identifying any potentially relevant transactions outweighs any potential de minimis relevance of such transactions, and Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 20: All Communications with the trade or any press Concerning this Action, the Prior Actions, or the Transaction.

Response to Request No. 20:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 25). Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case, particularly to the extent that it seeks information about transactions with no connection to the Transaction. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks production of documents pertaining to "All Communications," without regard to the claims or defenses of the parties in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable

privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control, or that are publicly available. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will not respond further to this Request.

Request No. 21: Without regard to the time period, all Documents and Communications supporting, undermining, or concerning Your claim for damages in the Prior Actions.

Response to Request No. 21:

Ascribe objects to this Request as it has already been raised, responded to, and objected to in the Responses and Objections to Plaintiffs' First Set of Requests for Production (Previously Request No. 28). Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control, or that are publicly available. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks

documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession. Ascribe further objects to the extent this Request calls for information that is properly the subject of expert testimony.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

Request No. 22: **Without regard to the time period, and to the extent not covered by the other document requests, all Documents and Communications that support or are inconsistent with the allegations set forth in your implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing counterclaims.**

Response to Request No. 22:

Ascribe objects to this Request on the ground that the phrases "not covered by the other document requests" and "support or are inconsistent with," as used therein, are vague and ambiguous. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad, unduly burdensome, vague, ambiguous, and seeking information that is neither relevant to the claims or defenses of any party nor proportional to the needs of the case. Ascribe further objects to this Request as overbroad and unduly burdensome in light of the expedited schedule in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request on the ground that it is overbroad and not proportionate to the needs of the Action, to the extent that it seeks documents that post-date the 2020 Transaction at issue in this Action. Ascribe further objects to this Request as unduly broad and burdensome to the extent that it lacks a time limitation. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks the discovery of materials protected from disclosure by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product doctrine, the joint defense or common interest privilege, or any other applicable privileges, protections, or immunities. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are not within Ascribe's possession, custody, or control, or that are publicly available. Ascribe further objects to this Request to the extent that it seeks documents that are already in Plaintiffs' possession.

Subject to and without waiver of the foregoing General and Specific Objections, Ascribe will conduct a reasonable search for responsive, non-privileged documents.

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